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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 October 2005.
- 2a This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2 and 12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2 and 12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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1. The amendment filed on 10/14/05 has been entered

Claims Rejection Under 35 USC - 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 2 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by **Ng** (6,474,810).

Ng discloses bridge for attaching auxiliary lenses which comprises a primary lens assembly 32 comprising a primary bridge 34 attached between primary lenses, an auxiliary lens assembly comprising 20, an auxiliary bridge 60 attached between auxiliary lenses 50, and the flange 36 on the front of the primary bridge, the auxiliary bridge 60 having an expandable clip (upper projection 62 and lower projection 64); and, whereas the clip of the auxiliary bridge 60 is expandable to engage the bridge of the primary bridge 34, further comprising: a leg portion 44 attached to each primary lens; a flange 36 on the front of the primary bridge 34, and whereas the clip is expandable onto the flange whereas the flange 36 is locatable in the clip in a complimentary fit of their respective cross-sectional perimeters, a protrusion 66 located on the auxiliary bridge, whereas the projection is a spherical segment, a projection 66 located on the auxiliary bridge, a complementary relief 40 located on the flange 36, whereas the protrusion 66 is

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locatable in the relief 40 when the clip is located on the flange and the flange 36 having a radiused end 38 and the clip having an interior radius 70, the radiused end 38 of the flange 36 being locatable in the interior radius 70 of the clip in a tight fit (complimentary fit) of their respective cross-sectional perimeters (at least see figure 2 and column 4, lines 34-41.)

Response To Applicant's Argument

3. Applicant's arguments filed 10/14/05 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argued that Ng does not teach the radiused end 38 of the flange 36 being locatable in the interior radius 70 of the clip in complimentary fit of their respective cross-sectional perimeters.

This argument is not persuasive because in column 4, lines 34-41 of Ng (6,474,810) states:

35 As best seen in FIG. 1, primary bridge 34 has a ridge front
face 38 which forms a tight fit with auxiliary bridge face 70
when the auxiliary bridge is assembled with the primary
spectacles. This tight fit prevents rotation of the bridge off its
vertical axis, which could cause rattling when the assembled
40 apparatus of the invention is being used by a wearer during
vigorous activity.

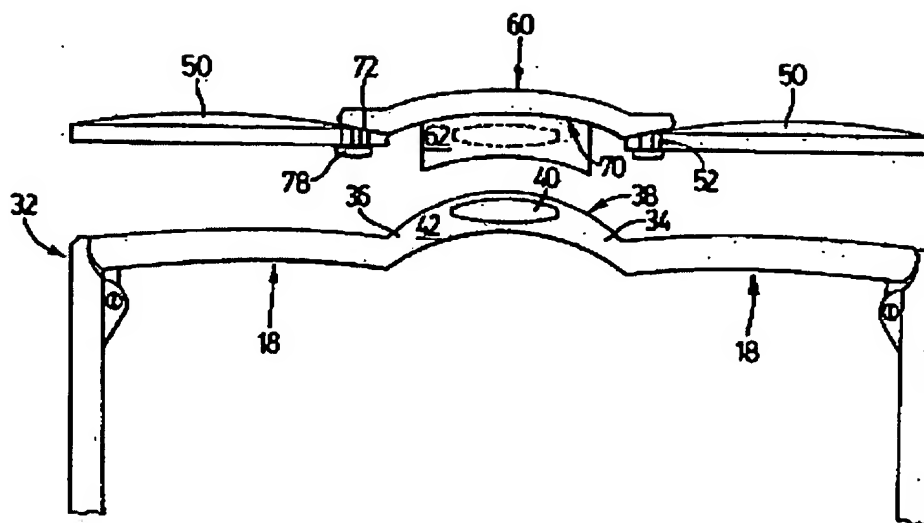


FIG. 2

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As show in figure 2 and column 4, lines 34-41 above, the radiused end 38 of the flange 36 being locatable in the interior radius 70 of the clip in a tight fit (complimentary fit) of their respective cross-sectional perimeters. Therefore, the claimed invention does not distinguish over the Ng (6,474,810).

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Examiner Dang at telephone number (571) 272-2326.



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